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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WASHINGTON, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH FIRST, 1879.

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SELECTMENS REPORT.

| Town of Washington in account with the Selectmen of said Town, | | Dr. |
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| To cash received of Treasurer of 1877, | | \$ 864 56 |
| " " amount of state, county, town and | | |
| " " school taxes, | 4,179 70 | |
| " " non-resident highway tax, | 262 28 | |
| " " dog tax, | 54 00 | |
| " " savings bank tax, | 465 66 | |
| " " literary fund, | 62 53 | |
| " " from county, | 65 41 | |
| " " taxes added, | 14 30 | |
| " " Henry Train, taxes of 1875, | 33 00 | |
| " " D. S. Millet, lots in cemetery, | 13 00 | |
| " " interest on taxes, | 10 35 | |
| " " Judson Wilkins, tax of 1876, | 43 49 | |
| " " Judson Wilkins, tax of 1877, | 294 33 | |
| total, | | \$6,362 66 |

CASH PAID.

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| By cash paid school districts, | \$862 45 |
| “ state tax, | 844 00 |
| “ county tax, | 939 45 |
| “ J. Millen's note, | 1,125 02 |
| “ Mrs. G. F. Fowler, Library expenses, | 80 70 |
| “ Non-resident tax worked out, | 207 30 |
| “ Discount on taxes, | 107 50 |
| “ Taxes abated, | 51 23 |
| “ District No. 1, interest on note, | 15 60 |
| “ Services of Town Officers, | 375 75 |
| “ Pauper Expenses, | 178 54 |
| “ Road Bills, | 551 61 |
| “ Miscellaneous Expenses, | 256 85 |
| “ Cash due District No. 8, in 1877, | 13 18 |

 Total, \$5,609 18

Balance, \$753 43

ROAD BILLS.

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|-------------------------------|--------|
| Cash paid Geo. W. Carr, | \$9 15 |
| “ Geo. M. Wright, | 14 77 |
| “ A. R. Snell, | 16 42 |
| “ A. P. Howe, | 5 02 |
| “ Alonzo Marshall, | 16 06 |
| “ Geo. C. Crane, | 8 70 |
| “ Geo. D. Reed, | 4 43 |
| “ Wm. Farnsworth, | 5 10 |
| “ Henry Collins, | 3 24 |
| “ Daniel S. Millet, | 5 03 |
| “ Henry Collins, | 1 44 |
| “ Geo. S. Jefts, | 9 96 |
| “ A. P. Wright, | 4 49 |
| “ Albert O. Codman, | 5 00 |
| “ Wm. D. Friend, | 8 00 |

ROAD BILLS.

| | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Cash paid | John W. Crane, | \$7 53 |
| " | Oliver Wilson, | 1 50 |
| " | M. H. Woods, and others, | 50 38 |
| " | J. S. Farnsworth, | 4 44 |
| " | S. P. Gleason, plank, | 90 |
| " | Jona. Severance, | 1 12 |
| " | Amos Thompson, | 3 64 |
| " | Albert O. Codman, | 2 64 |
| " | R. D. Pollard, | 21 12 |
| " | C. K. Farnsworth, | 1 66 |
| " | Geo. C. Friend, | 2 60 |
| " | J. H. Hoyt, plank, | 13 84 |
| " | Okey Barron, | 4 20 |
| " | John L. Butterfield, | 18 28 |
| " | Geo. M. Wright, | 3 60 |
| " | Henry Collins, | 10 00 |
| " | Joseph Severance, | 9 05 |
| " | John W. Crane, | 10 74 |
| " | Clark S. Spaulding, | 4 32 |
| " | C. D. Fowler, | 1 92 |
| " | Moses H. Chase, | 1 44 |
| " | Geo. C. Crane, | 7 04 |
| " | A. A. Flanders, | 5 16 |
| " | Otis Knapp, | 1 63 |
| " | Emery W. Grandy, | 1 63 |
| " | Gardner Codman, | 1 63 |
| " | Mason H. Dole, | 18 33 |
| " | Nathan Corey, | 2 98 |
| " | Alfred A. Tandy, | 25 20 |
| " | Hiram I. Hoyt, | 14 58 |
| " | Charles A. French, | 8 64 |
| " | Jonathan B. Emerson, | 5 00 |
| " | Jesse F. Bailey, | 1 83 |
| " | Joseph Severance, | 12 25 |
| " | Horace W. Clyde, | 2 35 |
| " | William Farnsworth, | 90 |

ROAD BILLS.

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| Cash paid | Clark E. Craig, | \$9 00 |
| " | George S. Jefts, | 6 29 |
| " | Freeman B. Jefts, | 5 24 |
| " | Horace B. Millen, | 3 21 |
| " | J. S. Farnsworth, | 2 47 |
| " | Edward W. Brooks, | 7 39 |
| " | Joseph B. Safford, | 1 87 |
| " | Mason H. Carr, | 52 40 |
| " | Greeley Putney, | 1 80 |
| " | Benj. D. Cram, | 8 40 |
| " | Geo. M. Wright, | 8 56 |
| " | John L. Butterfield, | 6 25 |
| " | John Woods, | 7 25 |
| " | Geo. C. Crane, | 8 63 |
| " | Joseph F. Eaton, | 11 37 |
| " | for labor on highway, | 7 20 |
| " | E. G. Benton, labor and cash paid out, | 3 15 |
| Total, | | \$551 61 |

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

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|-----------|--|---------|
| Cash paid | Holten & Ferry, Town Reports, | \$21 60 |
| " | S. W. Hurd, Auditors' of 1877, | 6 00 |
| " | S. W. Hurd, bounties, | 1 50 |
| " | Moses H. Woods, stationery, | 9 85 |
| " | Moses H. Woods, bounties, 1877, | 6 00 |
| " | Judson Wilkins, | 4 30 |
| " | J. Q. A. French, record of births, | 4 25 |
| " | Moses H. Woods, board bill, | 23 25 |
| " | John L. Safford, repairs on Town House, | 6 45 |
| " | E. G. Benton, tramps, | 2 00 |
| " | N. A. Lull, stationery, | 5 00 |
| " | B. F. Muzzey, for powder, | 4 56 |

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

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| Cash paid Selectmen, Retainer, Pierce & Holman, | \$10 00 |
| " Luther A. Mellen, guide boards, | 4 00 |
| " John L. Safford repairs on Town House, | 3 80 |
| " A. P. Howe, damage on highway, | 1 50 |
| " Hiram J. Gage, for powder and fuse, | 1 70 |
| " Amasa Fairbanks, water trough, | 3 00 |
| " Andrew J. Cutting, Check Lists, | 1 65 |
| " George F. Fowler, Portrait, | 30 00 |
| " George F. Fowler, agent, | 2 00 |
| " damage to sheep, | 30 05 |
| " for printing, | 4 50 |
| " for postage, | 2 64 |
| " for Tax Bills | 1 50 |
| " for bounties, | 10 10 |
| " Moses H. Woods, board of Town Officers, | 24 25 |
| " Moses H. Woods, setting guide posts, | 60 |
| " Moses H. Woods, board at Mrs. Curtice Cran- es, &c' | 2 75 |
| " for Horse hire, | 5 75 |
| " E. G. Benton, for stove pipe, and glass, in Dis- trict No. 10, | 1 80 |
| " for tramps, | 50 |
| " for two days work on road, and cash paid out, .. | 4 00 |
| " for safe keeping of Bonds six months, | 1 50 |
| " M. H. Woods, expenses to Newport, | 1 50 |
| " M. H. Woods, expenses to county farm, with pauper, | 2 50 |
| " expenses to Newport, | 1 50 |
| " expenses to Concord, to pay state tax, | 2 00 |
| " Joseph F. Eaton, tramp bill, | 2 00 |
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| Total, | \$256 85 |

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

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| Cash paid E. G. Benton, Selectman, | \$98 00 |
| " E. G. Benton, Overseer of poor, | 20 50 |
| " Moses H. Woods, Selectman, | 87 00 |
| " Charles C. Messer, Selectman, | 15 00 |
| " Judson Wilkins, Collector, | 45 11 |
| " Judson Wilkins, Treasurer, | 20 00 |
| " Supervisors, | 18 00 |
| " Auditors, | 6 00 |
| " A. P. Howe, S. S. Committee. | 40 00 |
| " Edgar A. Lull, Town Clerk, | 26 14 |
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| Total, | \$375 75 |

PAUPER EXPENSES.

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| Cash paid for the support of Lucretia M. Powers, | \$108 00 |
| " " Rodney Vickery, | 52 00 |
| " " J. A. Burnham, | 9 37 |
| " " Emery W. Grandy, | 8 17 |
| " for Affidavits, | 1 00 |
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| Total, | \$178 54 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Selectmen, | Dr. |
| To amount received, | \$6,362 66 |
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| By amount paid in orders, | 5,609 18 |
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| Deducted from amount received, leaves | \$753 48 |

Claims against the town—

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| By note to School District No. 1..... | \$260 00 |
| School fund, | 527 50 |
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| Total, | \$787 50 |

Assets—

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| Erastus Wilson's note, | \$399 00 |
| Cash in treasury, and collector's hands | 753 48 |
| Due from Henry Train, taxes of 1875, | 16 26 |
| “ Judson Wilkins, taxes of 1876, | 27 00 |
| “ Judson Wilkins, taxes of 1877, | 63 23 |
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Total,\$1,258 97

Claims deducted, 787 50

Balance in favor of the Town, \$471 47

Indebtedness March 1st, 1878, was 148 39

Gain the past year ending March 1st, 1879, \$619 86

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| E. G. BENTON, | } | Selectmen of Washington. |
| M. H. WOODS, | | |

AUDITORS' REPORT.

February 24, 1879.

Your committee have audited the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly cast and well vouchel, for the year 1879.

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| GEORGE F. FOWLER, | } | Auditors. |
| GEORGE W. CARR, | | |
| LEVI HARTON, | | |

REPORT OF THE AGENTS CHOSEN NOV. 5, 1878, TO RE-INVEST THE
SHEDD LIBRARY BONDS.

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| Received from sale of Bonds, | \$2,511 07 |
| Invested in four per cent Bonds at 99 5-8 per 100, | 2,500 00 |
| Amount left in our hands, turned over to Judson Wilkins, treasurer, | 18 46 |

Respectfully submitted,

February 22. 1879. E. G. BENTON, } Agents.
 M. H. WOODS, }

LIBRARY COMMITTEES' REPORT.

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| The Committee offer the following report, viz: | Dr. |
| To Library, | \$19 43 |
| " interest on fund, | 144 00 |
| " money from town, | 80 70 |
| " fines collected by librarian, | 1 35 |
| " money in hands of librarian March 1, 1878, | 2 40 |
| Total, | \$247 88 |

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| By cash paid Estes & Lauriat, and others, for books, | |
| with freight, | \$146 43 |
| " " Holton & Ferry, for printing catalogues, | |
| with express, | 4 90 |
| " " for rent of building, one year ending | |
| March 1, 1879, | 25 00 |
| " " Librarian for services one year ending | |
| March 1, 1879, | 39 00 |
| " " for stove and fixtures with freight, | 9 29 |
| " " one cord of wood prepared for stove, | 3 00 |
| " " Incidentals, | 1 63 |

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| By cash paid in hands of librarian March 1, 1879, . . . | 2 34 |
| “ “ for services of committee, | 3 00 |
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| Total, | \$234 59 |
| Balance on hand | \$13 29 |
| Number of books added to library this year, | 120 |
| Number of books now in library, | 1298 |

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| MRS. GEO. F. FOWLER, | } | Library |
| MRS. S. G. EATON, | | |
| MRS. JULIA BROCKWAY, | | Committee. |

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully presents the following report, of the Schools in the Town of Washington, for the year ending March 11, 1879.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The first two terms in this District were taught by Miss Etta West of Claremont. Miss West possessed in a remarkable degree those qualities of mind and heart, which are the essential requisites of a successful teacher. She had tact, perseverance, energy and dispatch; With these she COULD NOT fail. Both terms of her school were eminently successful. Her school-room was always neat; her pupils cheerful, obedient and polite. Her singing class which embraced the entire school elicited much praise, and was highly entertaining and gratifying to the visitors of the school. Especial progress was made by a class of beginners in Geography.

The third term was taught by Mr. George Dickey from Dartmouth College. The school was somewhat broken up by the sickness of the pupils; and some absented themselves from school for reasons not known to your committee. Mr. Dickey's literary qualifications were good, but he did not seem to have that happy faculty of securing the hearty cooperation of the parents, and the respect and esteem of his pupils, that was possessed by his predecessor.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The first term of this school was taught by Miss Julia M. Wood of Washington. This was her first attempt to teach, and fair progress was made. The second term was taught by Miss Katie L. Crain of Washington. Miss Crain labored with zeal for the good of her pupils, and good progress was made.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The first term of this school was under the instruction of Miss Abbie D. Newman of Washington, and the second term was taught by Miss Laurella Newman of Washington. Both terms of this school were conducted in a thorough'y systematic manner, and great pains were taken to teach the RUDIMENTS of the several sciences studied. The closing examinations were very gratifying to all who were present.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The first term of this school was taught by Miss Fannie G. French of Hillsborough. Miss French is a lady of fine scholarly attainments and labored hard for the prosperity of the school.

Good order prevailed, and fair progress was made in the studies pursued.

The second term was taught by Miss H. M. Eaton of Bradford. Miss Eaton is a first class teacher. Her gentle ways, genial and sunny disposition won for her the respect and love of her pupils, and secured excellent discipline, seemingly without an effort.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The first two terms of this school were taught by Miss Jennie M. Carr. Miss Carr is a teacher of rare qualifications, and seems admirably adapted to impart instructions by a process pleasing to the pupils and gratifying to the patrons of the school. Her closing examinations furnished conclusive evidence that her efforts were successful.

The third term was under the instruction of Mr. Mark M. Hadley. Your committee was unable to visit this school on account of sickness; but very favorable reports of the school have come from members of the district, and his large experience, and well-earned popularity as a teacher, leave no room to doubt that his school was highly successful.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The two terms of this district were under the instruction of Miss Olive C. Muzzey of Newbury. Miss Muzzey is one of the most successful of teachers. She exercises over her pupils a motherly care and solicitude; and is a most faithful guardian of their morals, as well as of their mental acquirements. The proficiency of her YOUNGER pupils in the miscellaneous questions to which the attention of the little ones is generally called, your committee has not seen surpassed. the closing examinations showed conclusively that THOROUGHNESS was the prevailing idea in all her school work. Fortunate will be that district which secures her services in the future!

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The two terms of this school were taught by Miss Jennie L. Heath of Marlow. This was Miss Heath's first school, and she displayed a fair amount of talent as a teacher. With a little improvement in DISCIPLINE she will become a successful and useful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The single term in this district was taught by Miss Ella N. Proctor of Washington.

The school at the commencement seemed to be in a prosperous condition and the teacher did all in her power to make the school a success. Your committee was prevented from visiting the school at its close, by sickness.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

There was but one term in this district taught by Miss Alma C. Hadley of Hillsborough. This was her first attempt at teaching.

But she showed uncommon ability for one of her years, and left a pleasing impression upon the patrons of the school as well as your committee. She is hereby recommended to prudential committees who are in want of a competent teacher in a district where the labor is not too severe for one so young.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

But one term in this district, taught by Miss Lillie J. Harriman of Hillsborough. This was her first school, and she labored with patience and perseverance for the good of her pupils. Good progress was made.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

| | 1st term. | 2nd. | 3d. |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------|-----|
| Whole number of different scholars, | 33. | 29. | 36. |
| Average attendance during the term, | 34. | 28. | 23. |
| Length of school in weeks, | 7. | 8. | 12. |

DISTRICT NO. 2.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Whole number of different scholars, | 9. | 6. |
| Average attendance during the term, | 8 9-10. | 5 41.46 |
| Length of school in weeks, | 6. | 9. |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

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|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Whole number of different scholars, | 8. | 9. |
| Average attendance during the term, | 7 11-15. | 8 1-2. |
| Length of school in weeks, | 6. | 6. |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

| | 1st term. | 2nd. | 3d |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------|----|
| Whole number of different scholars, | 9. | 15. | |
| Average attendance during the term, | 9. | 14. | |
| Length of school in weeks, | 6. | 5 3-5. | |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----|
| Whole number of different scholars, | no report. | 26-28-28 | |
| Average attendance during the term, | " " | 21-22-2 | |
| Length of school in weeks, | 8. | 6. | 12. |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--|
| Whole number of different scholars, | 11. | 13. | |
| Average attendance during the term, | 10 9-10. | 12 49-52. | |
| Length of school in weeks, | 8. | 10 1-2. | |

DISTRICT NO. 7.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|----------|--|
| Whole number of different scholars, | 4. | 6. | |
| Average attendance during the term, | 4. | 5 23-25. | |
| Length of school in weeks, | 6. | 10. | |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Whole number of different scholars, | 12. | | |
| Average attendance during the term, | 11 68-75. | | |
| Length of school in weeks, | 15. | | |

DISTRICT NO. 9.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----|--|
| Whole number of different scholars, | no report. | 11 | |
| Average attendance during the term, | " " | 5 | |
| Length of school in weeks, | 11. | | |

DISTRICT NO. 10.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|--|
| Whole number of different scholars, | 6. | | |
| Average attendance during the term, | 5 2-17. | | |
| Length of school in weeks, | 6 4-5. | | |

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| Total length of all the schools in weeks of 5 days, | 157 4-5. |
| Total length of summer schools in weeks of 5 days, | 133 4-5. |
| Total length of winter schools in weeks of 5 days, | 24. |

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| Whole number of different scholars in town, | no report. | 1317 |
| Whole number of boys, | no report. | 841 |

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| Whole number of girls, | no report. | 73 |
| Number of different teachers employed, | 15. | |
| “ “ male “ “ | 2. | |
| “ “ female “ “ | 13. | |
| Average wages of male teachers per month, | no report, | 39 |
| “ “ female “ “ | “ “ | 18 |

GENERAL REMARKS.

It is gratifying to all who take a lively interest in our schools to know that another school year has closed successfully. Most of the teachers employed the past year, have had considerable experience in the business of teaching. Ten of the fifteen teachers have had one or more terms experience and their valuable labors the past year, commends them to the favorable notice of prudential committees in the future. It is generally counted as wisdom on the part of employers to secure the services of those workmen who have PREVIOUSLY labored for them with fidelity. Are TEACHERS an exception to this rule? A word to the wise is sufficient. Friends of education! Repair your school-houses, so that your children may occupy them with comfort, and not be obliged to roast one side while the other freezes! See that they are amply supplied with Blackboards, Maps, Charts, and a good reliable Terrestrial Globe.

This done; hang up a few pictures and well chosen mottoes, to please the eye and cultivate a love of the beautiful. Thus supplied, beautified and adorned, the school-room will cease to be a prison, and become a sacred place, where our children will love to resort and learn their lessons where the sharp edge of discipline will be tempered by the teachers sunny smile.

Most Respectfully Submitted,

A. P. HOWE, S. S. Committee.

Washington, Feb. 23th, 1879.